

QA-269  
Cloverfields  
Stevensville vicinity  
Private

circa 1780

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Cloverfields

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East of old Love Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: club house**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Cloverfield Improvement Association, Inc. Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County CourthouseLiber #: CWC 14Folio #: 495, 499, 505

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Cloverfields is located approximately one-half mile east of the old Love Point Road on Kent Island, northeast of Stevensville. The house is on the south side of the main road leading into a housing development named after the house, and faces east to the Chester River. It should not be confused with a better known house named Cloverfield near Wye Mills (see QA-2).

Cloverfields is of brick construction, 1 1/2 stories high, five bays wide and originally was two rooms deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a pitched gable roof. Frame wings have been added to both gable walls, replacing an earlier wing on the north gable wall. The house has been extensively renovated and now serves as a community club house.

The west facade appears to be the principal facade of the house. The door is located in the center bay, with two 6/6 windows to either side. There are three 6/6 pitched roof dormer windows on the second story and four cellar windows in the foundation. The door is framed with what appears to be a Colonial Revival surround, but heavy paint

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

and some weathering may suggest a 19th century date. The windows and frames have been replaced and the cornice rebuilt using what appears to be an early or original bed mold with modern soffit and crownmold. The dormers have been rebuilt (or added) and the roof recovered. The brickwork on this facade is laid in Flemish bond above a plain water table and a three-course bond foundation.

The north gable is almost entirely covered by the modern wing. The water table is not carried across this gable, in contrast to the south gable. This suggests that the early wing (now demolished) was probably original. A section of early foundation wall under the existing wing and a trace of the old roofline on the north gable wall of the main house (visible from the second floor of the modern wing) are the only surviving evidence of this wing.

On the east facade, facing the Chester River, the door is located in the center bay, flanked by one 6/6 window on each side. There are three 6/6 pitched roof dormers on the second story, all rebuilt. The brickwork is Flemish bond above a plain water table and three-course bond foundation. The cornice on this facade matches the west facade, including the early bedmold.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The south gable wall is partially covered by a modern one story wing. A modern vent in the upper gable is the only visible opening on this facade. The entire gable wall is laid in three-course bond with a plain water table. The rakeboards on both gable walls are replaced, and the chimneys have been rebuilt above a corbeled course at the base of each stack.

The interior of the main house has been altered considerably. Originally it was two rooms deep, with a four room plan. An original brick partition still bisects the house to the north of the opposing facade doors. This partition now forms the only interior division. Based on evidence in the cellar, the present north room was originally divided into two smaller rooms approximately 13 feet wide and 14 feet long, each heated by a fireplace on the north gable wall. The present south room was probably partitioned into two unequal sized rooms by a frame partition, forming a large room to the southwest with a fireplace on the south gable wall and an unheated stairhall to the southeast. This plan is remarkably similar to the plan of Morgan's Enclosure (QA-169), a larger two story house dating to circa 1780 on the southern end of Kent Island. No significant early details have survived on the first floor, although the modern stair remains

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

in the same southeast corner as the original stair.

The second story has also been completely renovated. Surviving early fabric includes beaded baseboard in three rooms and an early closet in the northeast corner of the northeast room, which is formed by a beaded board partition and is fitted with a handsome door constructed of three vertical beaded boards with applied stiles and rails on the front face and beaded battens on the rear.

The roof is constructed of hewn and pit-sawn common rafters secured at the ridge with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The collar beams also serve as second story ceiling joists and are also joined to the rafters with mortise-and-tenon joints. Some early nailers survive, but most of the roof covering is 20th century. The paired chimneys on the north gable wall corbel together in the attic to form a single chimney stack centered on the gable above the roof.

The cellar is divided into three rooms by brick bearing walls, forming one large room to the south and two small rooms to the north. Chimney bases survive for all three original chimneys.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/6/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

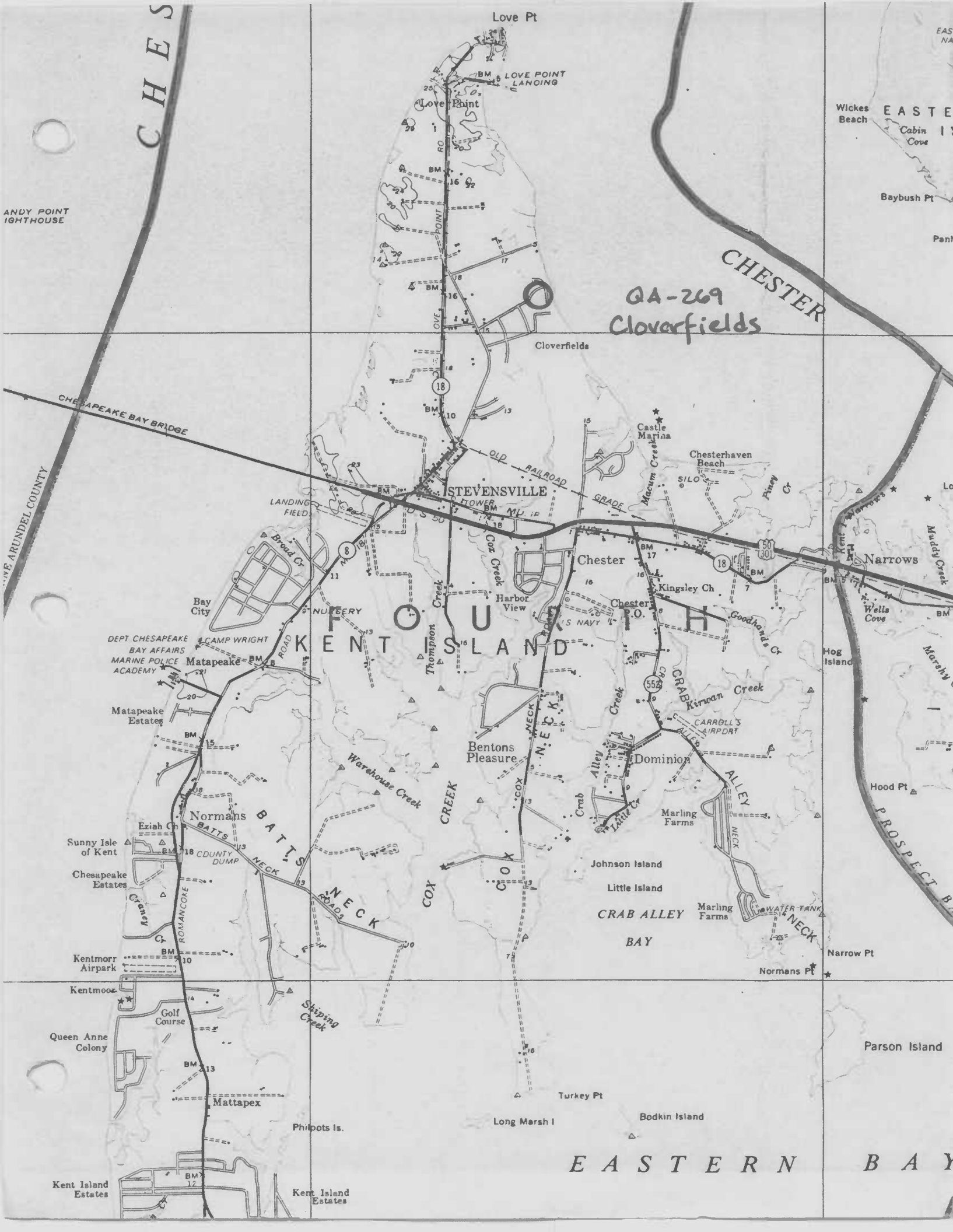
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          Orlando Ridout V 1981  
          East facade



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